

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A bone spreader for spreading bone parts apart, comprising two~~
tubular pin holders ~~[(7)]~~ which are connected to one another by a parallel guide system ~~(1, 4, 5)~~
and are ~~intended for~~ configured to receive two pins ~~[(13)]~~ that are configured to be connected
to the bone parts that are to be spread apart, and at least one pin holder ~~[(7)]~~ having a locking
device ~~(12, 14)~~ for a pin ~~[(13)]~~ located therein thereon,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pins ~~[(13)]~~ have at least one transverse groove ~~[(14)]~~
formed therein and the locking device ~~is composed of~~ comprises a locking finger ~~[(12)]~~ which
is guided between a locking position and a release position in a transverse movement tangentially
with respect to the pin holder ~~[(7)]~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The bone spreader as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the locking finger ~~(12) is designed as~~ is in the form of a hook which is mounted at
~~[(the)]~~ an open end of the pin holder ~~[(7)]~~ closer to the parallel guide system and is pivotable
about an axis extending approximately parallel to said pin holder ~~[(7)]~~.